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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
ATSUSHI KUDO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/JP03/01152) :  
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FOR: HONEYCOMB FILTER FOR  
PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.